

MEETING AGAINST THE MAYOR

RABBI WISE INTIMATES THAT HE HAS SOLD OUT THE CITY.

Greater New York Taxpayers Call on Him to Give His Inspector Russell a Trial and to Revoke His Order Making the City Hall Police Headquarters.

At a meeting of the Greater New York Taxpayers Conference to protest against the direction of the Police Department from the City Hall and also to protest against the reduction of former Inspector John Russell to a captaincy by order of the Mayor without a hearing there was a stormy time from beginning to end yesterday in the rooms of the Board of Trade and Transportation. There were many critics of Gen. Bingham on hand when Senator George W. Bush called the meeting to order, but in the end it was made apparent by an overwhelming vote in favor of the resolutions that those present, while condemning many acts of Gen. Bingham, approved of the manner of his taking office.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise said that he had come down from the Adirondacks to deliver his mind. He was interrupted frequently by a man who sat near the front who was quoted only by threats that he would be thrown out if he made any further trouble. He was not a member of the conference. Rabbi Wise said:

"The removal of Gen. Bingham from the office of Police Commissioner is not to be viewed in the light of a midsummer diversion, for it is a very serious matter. The degradation of the head of the Police Department by the Mayor has come to pass because Gen. Bingham was controlled solely by a sense of duty to New York instead of being controlled by such corrupt politicians as maintain their power by virtue of their ability to secure immunity for their lieutenants in crime."

"This question occurs to one: What would happen to Mayor McClellan if the recall were operative in New York? The Mayor would be recalled with a unanimity of voice that would be the right end of a recount. We should have the right not only of verbal protest but the power under the law to say: 'I'll done, thou faithless servant.' And the impossibility of recalling McClellan makes one regret anew the necessity of voting for the choice of Murphy and McCarren if one would vote the so-called Democratic ticket. McClellan was their concession to public opinion, and Bingham's head is in turn McClellan's concession to and procreation of Murphy and McCarren."

"It may seem strange that I appear to defend one who a year ago attacked the Jews of New York. I do not defend Gen. Bingham, for he needs no defence other than his own record and the condemnation of Mayor McClellan, whose praise is censure and whose censure is praise. Gen. Bingham did make an unfair and unjust statement concerning the Jewish population of this city, but when convinced that he had done an injustice he retracted it like a man. He had made a mistake and he was big and manly enough to admit it."

"Personally I feel that I owe an apology to the Mayor, to whom in a meeting in Cooper Union a fortnight ago, I alluded as an amiable inveterate. And I do hereby apologize, for the Mayor has since proved that he is not an amiable inveterate, but a man of integrity and integrity, as fallibly in the wrong as he is weak in the right."

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Whereas these orders have been transferred, in our judgment, Police Headquarters to the City Hall, thereby putting the control of the police force into the hands of professional politicians and tending to demoralize the rank and file of the force; and

Whereas Inspector Russell, who so far as known has performed his duty as a public servant faithfully and in defiance of political influence, has been reduced without being allowed to defend himself; and

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EASY FOR COLOMBIA REBELS

NOT A SHOT FIRED IN DEFEAT OF BARRANQUILLA.

Disturbance of Pictures of Reyes the Chief Damage—Populace Joined the Insurgents—Bogota Is Cut Off From the Coast Towns—No Casualties Yet.

PANAMA, July 8.—Advices received here telling of the capture of Colombia by the revolutionists, Barranquilla, on the morning of July 4, say the municipal police surrendered without firing a shot. The steamer Hercules, with a considerable quantity of war stores on board, was captured by the rebels.

The prisoners taken included Diego de Castro, commander in chief of the Government army; Francisco Insignares Sierra, the provincial Governor; Eduardo Carlein, administrator of the custom house, and Enrique Rasch, prefect. Daniel Carreón, captain, Russell to his former position as inspector, pending a hearing on the charges stated by the Mayor to have been the cause of his reduction in rank.

NEW STORY OF SUTTON AFFAIR. Chauffeur Says Man Who Was Killed Did Not Start Trouble.

ANNAPOLIS, July 8.—William Owens, the chauffeur who drove Second Lieut. James M. Sutton and other officers of the Marine Corps to the marine camp opposite the Naval Academy the night that Sutton met his death by a revolver shot, made a statement to-day which was a variation of the story of the previously published accounts and with other statements attributed to him.

His most important statement was that the fight which ended in Sutton's death was not brought on by a challenge of Sutton's, but by that of another officer, Lieut. Robert E. Adams. Owens denies entirely much of the conversation preliminary to the encounter which was placed in his mouth, and he said he knew nothing of any call for a sentry, of pistol shots or of being requested to carry a pistol away from the camp, as some accounts have had it. Owens said that he carried Sutton, Adams, Roelker and one other officer to the camp from Carvel Hall Hotel that night. On the way, he declared, little was said, but on arriving at a point near the camp Adams jumped out and took off his coat, and as Sutton descended struck at him. Sutton was then grabbed by the other officers, Adams again hit at him, but neither of the blows appeared to land. Then there was a colloquy, in which Sutton said he did not want to fight, but finally said that he would.

This puts an entirely new light upon the affair, as all along it has been alleged that Sutton was the one who forced the fight. Owens said that he wanted to stay and see the rest of the fight, but was told to go away by the other officers. He also said that Sutton paid the whole fare but he heard no one tell him that he must do so.

Owens says he left in his automobile and heard nothing of the shots which were fired. A little while, according to other testimony.

Owens is now a driver for the Adams Express Company in Annapolis. He is a member of the Maryland National Guard and a young man of intelligence and good reputation.

FINED FOR SMUGGLING.

Miss Lonsford Pleads Guilty and Pays the Government \$2,000.

TRENTON, N. J., July 8.—Miss Camille Lonsford, indicted for smuggling into this country goods valued at \$3,500, pleaded guilty in the United States District Court here to-day and was fined \$2,000 by Judge Cross.

Miss Lonsford had been travelling abroad with her mother, Mrs. M. Lonsford, and her sister. They arrived at Hoboken on January 12 on the America. The three failed to declare a number of dutiable articles which were subsequently seized by the customs officials, but as Miss Lonsford was the only one who had signed the declaration she was indicted alone.

When Miss Lonsford appeared in court she was accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law and James C. McShane of Chicago, her counsel. She was arraigned after the court had adjourned, there being only three persons present at the time. Mr. McShane tried to secure from the Court assurances that a plea of non vult, or guilty, would be followed by the imposition of a fine and not a term of imprisonment.

Judge Cross would not listen to this proposition until after the pleas had been entered, when United States District Attorney Vreeland said the Government would be satisfied with a fine, but that it should be a substantial one.

The fine was immediately paid by Miss Lonsford's brother-in-law, who had come here prepared to meet the maximum penalty of \$5,000 in case that amount should be imposed by the Court. There were five counts in the declaration, the Court accepting a plea of guilty to the fifth count only, which was for wilfully neglecting to declare and mention dutiable articles consisting of an ermine neck piece, an ermine muff, a gold beaded bag and a silver purse.

All the articles are still in the possession of the Government, but may be redeemed upon payment of an amount to be fixed by appraisal of their value.

1,500 GAS CHECKS STOLEN.

Gang of Italians Thought to Have Robbed Mail Boxes—One Arrested.

Ever since United States Commissioner John A. Shields began to pay out the gas rebates complaints have been coming to the disbursing offices that checks sent had not been received. The Commissioner's counsel in the gas matter, Robert A. Burbank, gathered evidence which seemed to show that Italians from Prince Street, Brooklyn, were stealing the checks from mail boxes and cashing them. Fifteen hundred checks never reached the right owners.

As the checks were sent out by districts to be watched the postman just where the day's consignments of checks was to be delivered. They were in fish mail envelopes out, abstract the checks and have them indorsed. To cash the checks was an easy matter. The bank stood the loss.

Yesterday the gas people caused the arrest of a man who they say has been engaged in this line of work. They hope to round up the entire gang. The prisoner is John Mariani of 108 MacDougal street. He was held in the Jefferson Market court in \$1,000 bail for examination on the charge of forgery.

The check in question belonged to George Tamas, a Chinaman living at 183 Prince street. Tamas never received the check, according to A. Neorizzi, a nineteen-year-old boy, of 11 Stanton street, he cashed the check for Mariani and at Mariani's request indorsed the check and sent it through the National City Bank and was returned to the disbursing office.

Whereas the safety of our homes and the moral, physical and financial wellbeing of our city depends largely upon the efficiency of our police force; and

Whereas the Mayor's recent orders affecting the Police Department have violated the spirit of the Charter provision

which says that the Police Commissioner shall have "cognizance and control of the government, administration, disposition and discipline of the Police Department" and that "the said Police Commissioner shall make, adopt and enforce such rules, orders and regulations, and do all such other acts as may be reasonably necessary to effect a prompt and efficient exercise of all powers conferred by law."

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KING REFUSES SUFFRAGETTES.

Couldn't Think of Evading the Constitution by Resolving Their Petition.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, July 8.—The president of the Women's Freedom League, a deputation from which attempted yesterday to obtain an interview with King Edward, received from the palace to-day this letter:

"MADAM: I have had the honor of submitting to the King your communication of July 7, signed by you and three other ladies belonging to the W. F. L. I am commanded to inform you in reply that the Secretary of State for the Home Department is the constitutional channel of communication with the sovereign, and his Majesty therefore cannot consent to act unconstitutionally by receiving in person a petition for the amendment of a law from the hands of a deputation from the league. As the King is unable to comply with the request no good purpose would be served by his seeing you or your colleagues. He must beg therefore to decline, with much regret, to do so. I am, your obedient servant, KNOLES."

Acting on the suggestion contained in the letter, the league, headed by Mrs. Despard, sister of Gen. Sir John D. French, visited the Home Office, where Home Secretary Gladstone received their petition and promised to present it to the King. The speakers argued that Premier Asquith's refusal to receive them was illegal, and cited the laws on which they based their contention.

Mr. Gladstone's attitude was very cordial, but he was careful to say that he could not deal with the wider question raised, as he spoke only for himself and not for the Government. He said, he added, suffered more from the present impasse than anybody else and he regretted it, but hoped it would soon pass away. He thought the matter would finally end in a way satisfactory to the petitioners. The legal question regarding the right of petition would be decided by the law courts. It was one which had not been raised in 250 years. As things were it was impossible for any individual Minister to receive a deputation whenever he was asked to do so. Every Minister must use his own discretion.

The suffragettes consider Mr. Gladstone's statement that he thought the matter would finally end in a way satisfactory to the petitioners very important.

POTASH SYNDICATE RENEWED.

Americans Not Yet Included, but They Expect to Be.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, July 8.—The potash syndicate has been renewed for five years.

The syndicate, which is largely owned by the American fertilizer group, is not yet included in the syndicate but probably will be shortly. A representative of the American group said to-night that the group was satisfied, as it had contracted for more tonnage this year than at any previous meeting of the syndicate. It is clear, however, that they failed in an attempt to influence prices, and although they bought considerably, perhaps to the extent of 1,000,000 tons, they are still subject to the syndicate's rates.

HE DIDN'T PROTECT PETROSINO.

Chief of Police of Palermo Is Removed From Office.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ROME, July 8.—The head of the police at Palermo has been relieved of the duties of his office.

His removal is attributed to his failure to protect Petrosino, the New York detective who was murdered at Palermo.

JOHNSON AND BRYAN MEET.

Governor Takes Chautauquan About St. Paul in His Automobile.

ST. PAUL, July 8.—With Gov. John A. Johnson acting as chauffeur and with Frank A. Day, the Governor's private secretary, and Mayor Daniel A. Lawler of St. Paul as escort of honor, William Jennings Bryan saw St. Paul from an automobile to-day. Mr. Bryan is in St. Paul for the Christian Endeavor convention.

Relations have been chilly, even strained, between Mr. Bryan and Gov. Johnson the last two years. Mr. Bryan Johnson's last visit to the State capital was in 1907, when he was in St. Paul for the Christian Endeavor convention.

But all was changed to-day. At 10:15, an hour after Mr. Bryan's arrival in St. Paul, Gov. Johnson and Frank Day, accompanied by Mayor Lawler, went to meet Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan sent word that he would be pleased to see Gov. Johnson and Mr. Day. The Governor and Mr. Day walked into parlor A in the hotel.

"How do you do, Mr. Bryan?" said Gov. Johnson, extending his hand. "I am glad to see you," said Mr. Bryan, grasping the Governor's hand.

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GEN. DE GALLIFET IS DEAD

A NOTED SOLDIER OF FRANCE FOR FIFTY YEARS.

Was Minister of War When the Dreyfus Case Was Acute—Known Throughout the World for the Perfection of His Cavalry Maneuvers—Was Nearly 70.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, July 8.—Gen. Marquis de Gallifet, one of France's most prominent soldiers and formerly Minister of War, died to-day.

The Marquis Gaston Alexandre Auguste de Gallifet was born in Paris on January 23, 1830. His family migrated from Italy to France in the sixteenth century and adopted the name Gallifet or "Gallus factus," and became identified with the noblesse of southern France.

Gen. de Gallifet received his first commission, that of Sub-Lieutenant, in 1851. He was attached to the staff of Gen. Boquet in the Crimea and distinguished himself so much that he was made a Knight of the Legion of Honor. Soon after he was promoted to the command of a company and then became attached to the staff of the Emperor himself.

In 1862 he was transferred to the staff of the general in command of the Mexican expedition and was severely wounded in the battle of Puebla. He saw service in Algeria later in the same year and again in 1868. Napoleon III. said of him after his experiences in these wars, "Drouot represents virtue, but Gallifet represents bravery. I believe that he, like Bayard, could easily defend a bridge against all comers." He received his colonelcy in 1867.

Before the battle of Sedan in 1870 Gallifet was made commander of a brigade and took the place of Gen. Marguerite when that officer was mortally wounded. Gen. de Gallifet was one of those who had to lay down their arms at Sedan and by the terms of the capitulation he was out of the fighting for the remainder of the conflict, a prisoner at Coblenz.

At the conclusion of the war he returned to France and was entrusted by Thiers with the suppression of the Commune. In 1872 he took charge of the El Golea expedition, which was one of the great difficulties in the matter of transporting troops. He overcame all obstacles by executing a rapid march through the desert, which was considered "practically to subdue the revolted native tribes. For those services he was made a commander of the Legion of Honor.

Gen. de Gallifet was one of